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SUBJECT: CSCE: PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.

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1. CHIEF FINNISH FONOFF POLITICAL SECTION (TUOVINEN) HAS GIVEN US SCHEDULE FOR OPENING CEREMONIES CSCE MINISTERIAL ON MORNING JULY 3 WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THAT SET FORTH IN REFTEL.

2. IN ADDITION, TUOVINEN MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. CSCE COMMUNIQUE: GOF FELT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE FACUTAL AND STRAIGHT FORWARD INCLUDING FACT THAT CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON DATES INDICATED; LIST OF PARTICIPANTS; FACT THAT MPT DOCUMENT WAS APPROVED; FACT GENERAL DEBATE WAS HELD; DATE SET FOR OPENING OF PHASE II OF CSCE WITH A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO WORK OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

B. OPEN OR CLOSED SESSIONS? IF POSSIBLE, GOF WOULD LIKE FONMIN KARJALAINEN TO BE ABLE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE CLOSE OF OPENING SESSION ON JULY 3. FOR " HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVES PURPOSES" GOF WOULD LIKE THE FORMAL STATEMENTS BY
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FOREIGN MINISTERS TO BE OPEN. IT WAS SUGGESTED IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT A WORKING GROUP MIGHT BE SET UP JUST PRIOR TO THE MINISTERIAL (JULY 2 OR MORNING OF JULY 3) TO RESOLVE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS A) WHETHER SESSIONS WOULD BE OPEN OR CLOSED; B) THE OPENING DATE FOR PHASE II; C) DRAFTING CSCE COMMUNIQUE; AND LIKE QUESTIONS. TUOVINEN SAID THAT IF THESE QUESTIONS ARE NOT RESOLVED IN ADVANCE BY SUCH A GROUP, THE FONMINS WOULD BE FACED WITH SUCH QUESTIONS ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 3. EVEN THEN, THE QUESTION WOULD ARISE WHETHER THIS MEETING (JULY 3 P. M.) WOULD BE OPEN OR NOT. TUOVINEN STRESSED THAT HIS COMMENTS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED PURELY AS " SUGGESTIONS" SINCE FINLAND HAD TO BE CAREFUL " AS THE HOST" NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES OF THIS TYPE.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR (ELLIOTT) TOLD DCM THIS WEEKEND THAT HE HAD HEARD EC-9 WERE IN FAVOR OF HAVING " ALL SESSIONS OPEN". ELLIOTT THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT MISTAKE TO ALLOW ANY OF THE PROCEDURAL SESSIONS TO BE OPEN SINCE IT WOULD " GIVE THE STAGE TO PERSONS SUCH AS MINTOFF" TO RAISE ALL TYPES OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THE FORMAL STATEMENTS OF FONMINS SHOULD BE OPEN, INCLUDING TV COVERAGE. (COMMENT: THE GENERAL IMPRESSION HERE IS THE U. S. IS AGAINST CSCE SESSIONS BEING OPEN, BUT THAT WE WOULD ABIDE BY THE MAJORITY.)

4. DANISH AMBASSADOR (TSCHERNING), WHO IS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE, CALLED MEETING THIS MORNING FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CSCE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT OF A " PURELY PRACTICAL NATURE WHICH MAY HAVE SOME BEARING ON THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE CONFERENCE". APPROXIMATELY 25 AMBASSADORS ATTENDED MEETING. CURIOUSLY, ONLY THE AMBASSADORS OF ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WERE PRESENT FROM EASTERN EUROPE. CSCE SECRETARY GENERAL PEUKORI OUTLINED THE OPENING CEREMONIES, ADDING THAT THE AMBASSADORS OF ALL COUNTRIES ACCREDITED TO FINLAND WOULD BE INVITED TO THE OPENING AND CLOSING CSCE SESSIONS. THOSE NOT AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE WOULD BE SEATED IN A SEPARATE " DIPLOMATIC SECTION". MOST OF THE MEETING THIS MORNING INVOLVED A DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LENGTH OF MEETING. MOST NON- COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES FELT THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD END BY SATURDAY JULY 7. THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR WAS FIRM IN HIS STATEMENTS THAT NO LIMIT SHOULD BE PUT ON LENGTH OF CONFERENCE, LENGTH OF SPEECHES, ETC. CONFIDENTIAL

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(IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT HE PLANNED TO CALL ON THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TODAY TO ASCERTAIN HIS POSITION).

5. WE WILL BE CALLING ARVA FLOYD THIS AFTERNOON (11:00 A. M. WASHINGTON TIME) FOR GUIDANCE HE MAY CARE TO OFFER ON THESE SUBJECTS AND

POSITION WE SHOULD ADOPT PENDING GEORGE VEST' S
ARRIVAL JUNE 30. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW TIMING SECRETARY
WOULD
LIKE FOR HIS FORMAL STATEMENT SINCE LIST FOR SUCH INSCRIPTION
OPENS AT 10:30 A. M. HERE TOMORROW, JUNE 26.
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